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The Honorable Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
P.O. Box 1473  
Merrifield, VA 22116

ATTN: Chemical Right-To-Know Program – Cobalt Acetate and Propionic Acid, Cobalt 2+ Salt Category

Dear Administrator Johnson:

OM Group, Inc. and The Shepherd Chemical Company are please to present this test plan as part of the Metal Carboxylates Coalition commitment to the HPV program as specified in the letter from Lynne Jones on May 24, 2004. The chemicals included in this test plan are:

71-48-7	Cobalt Acetate
1560-69-6	Propionic Acid, Cobalt 2+ Salt

The sponsoring companies are OM Group, Inc. and The Shepherd Chemical Company.

Attached is a copy of the test plan and supporting robust summaries. Electronic copies are also being submitted to [oppt.ncic@epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epa.gov) and [chem.rtk@epa.gov](mailto:chem.rtk@epa.gov).

The technical contact for this test plan is James F. Hobson, Ph.D. and he can be reached at (301) 916-4068, or by email at [hobsonjfxxxxxx@msn.com](mailto:hobsonjfxxxxxx@msn.com). Administrative questions can be directed to me at (202) 721- 4157.

Sincerely,

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